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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

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ATTN: MARGRET VALARTI CALL SENATOR JACOB JAVITS IMMEDIATELY

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION HAS BEEN MOST IMPORTANT IN URGING
MORE GENEROUS U.S. APPROACH AT WFC ESPECIALLY REGARDING HUMANITARIAN
FOOD AID, AND SECRETARY BUTZ AND U.S. DELEGATION HAVE BEEN RECEPTIVE.
AT THE URGING OF SEN. CLARK, STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY SENATORS
HATFIELD AND HUMPHREY, U.S. DELEGATION AGREED TO CABLE PRES.
FORD ON FRIDAY MORNING REQUESTING A DOUBLING OF U.S.
HUMANITARIAN FOOD AID (TITLE II OF PL 480) FROM \$175 MILLION
TO \$350 MILLION.

THIS WOULD INCREASE U.S. FOOD AID BY ROUGHLY 1 MILLION TONS,
AND COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY TRANSFER FROM TITLE I, INCREASED
CCC BORROWINGS, OR BY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION. THIS LAST
ALTERNATIVE ALSO POSSIBLE SINCE AGRICULTURE BILL HAS NOT YET
PASSED SENATE. SEC. SIMON HAS BEEN NEGATIVE; KISSINGER POSITIVE
INCREASED FOOD AID.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT INITIATIVE IN HELPING MEET IMMEDIATE
WORLD FOOD SHORTFALL OF AN ESTIMATED 10 MILLION TONS AND
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR ABILITY OF WFC TO DEAL WITH LONG TERM
ISSUES.

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STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE BY

CALLING SEC. SIMON (RE BUDGET ISSUE) AND PRES. FORD AND PLEDGING
YOUR SUPPORT FOR INCREASED AID IN SENATE. ACTION IS URGENT AS
DECISION MUST BE TAKEN IN NEXT DAY OR TWO.
ALSO SUGGEST YOU CABLE SEN. HUMPHREY AT WFC IN ROME, EXPRESSING
REGRET THAT YOU CANNOT ATTEND PLANNED JOINT CONFERENCE WITH HIM
ON THURSDAY, BUT STATING YOUR ACTION WITH REGARD TO PRES.
FORD AND SEC. SIMON AND PLEDGING YOUR SUPPORT IN FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND SENATE, I WILL
SUGGEST HE READ YOUR CABLE AT PRESS CONFERENCE. ALSO CABLE OF
SUPPORT FOR SEN. CLARK'S INITIATIVE IS IN ORDER.
LESLIE AND I MISS YOUR PRESENCE HERE. BEST REGARDS,

FRANK & LESLIE

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